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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

### **The Detroit News: [U.S.] Supreme Court won't let Holland family sue corporation over death**

"The [U.S.] Supreme Court won't let the family of a raped and murdered college girl sue the employer of her killers for her 1979 death. The high court on Monday refused to let the parents of Janet Chandler sue Wackenhut Corp., which in 1979 was hired to send security guards to Holland, Mich., to provide security during a strike."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **MLive.com: [U.S.] Supreme Court: Parents of 1979 slaying victim Janet Chandler cannot sue employer of murderers**

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Court won't hear Michigan man's appeal over TSA scanners**

"The [U.S.] Supreme Court won't hear a Michigan man's attempt to challenge the use of full body scanners at airports. The high court on Monday refused to hear an appeal by Jonathan Corbett, who wanted to challenge the Transportation Security Administration's use of full body scanners and/or enhanced pat downs at airport security lines."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Mandating state workers pay 4 percent for pensions unconstitutional, judge rules**

"An Ingham County judge ruled unconstitutional Friday a law forcing 19,000 veteran state workers to pay 4 percent of their annual salary to maintain their pensions. Ingham County Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk said Public Act 264 violates the Michigan Civil Service Commission's authority to set pay and benefits for classified state employees."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Judge calls state pension law unconstitutional**

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### **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: State employees call court ruling a 'victory'**

[Full story](#)

### **WKAR News/East Lansing: Judge Says State Workers' 4% Retirement Contribution is Unconstitutional**

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### **Battle Creek Enquirer: State employee dues unconstitutional, judge rules**

[Full story](#)

**\*\* This article is available by subscription only. The Battle Creek Enquirer article also ran in the Lansing State Journal and the Port Huron Times Herald.**

### **The Detroit News: Gershwin Drain sworn in as U.S. district judge**

"Former Wayne County Circuit Judge Gershwin Drain was sworn in Friday to the federal bench in Detroit. U.S. Appeals Court Judge Damon J. Keith conducted the ceremony in the Eastern District of U.S. District Court on Lafayette.... Drain served as a judge on the Wayne Circuit Court in the civil and criminal divisions since 1997. He was also a judge on Detroit Recorder's Court from 1987-97."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: 'Dream come true' for new U.S. judge**

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**Detroit Free Press: Brian Dickerson: Who's secret sugar daddy to Oakland court challengers?**

"We don't publish rumors, so let's stick with what we know for sure: We know some anonymous donor is trying to buy himself a couple of seats on the Oakland County Circuit Court.... We know he's prepared to spend upward of \$1.2 million on behalf of two little-known candidates who have made themselves scarce on the campaign trail and appear to have raised little or no campaign funds of their own."

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Attacker ordered to make study of Hinduism (fourth article)**

"A man who authorities say attacked two men because he thought they were Muslims was ordered to write a report on the history of Hinduism. Bay County Circuit Judge Joseph Sheeran sentenced Delane Bell, 26, on Monday to two years of probation, with the condition he write the 10-page report. Sheeran said the men who were attacked are Hindus and that Bell needs to educate himself."

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: 7 driving violations to no longer carry fees (second article)**

"Seven driving violations will no longer carry [the \$150 or \$200] driver responsibility fees beginning today."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**MLive.com: Michigan motorists no longer face 'responsibility fees' for driving without valid license, insurance**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Legal Aid and Defender conducts workshops on small claims court**

"... [The Legal Aid and Defender Association] will conduct a series of three free workshops this fall for residents of Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties on how to represent themselves in small claims court and collect money judgments. LAD scheduled the workshops in response to the popularity of its six spring and summer workshops on small claims court."

[Full story](#)

**Heritage Newspapers: WASHTENAW COUNTY: 15th District Court receives grants for Sobriety Court program**

"The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court has awarded a \$70,000 Michigan Drug Court Program grant and a \$25,000 Office of Highway Safety Planning grant to the 15th District Court in Ann Arbor. Grant funds will be used to continue 15th District Court Judge Joseph F. Burke's Sobriety Court program, established in 2004 by retired Judge Julie A. Creal."

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**Lansing State Journal: Is our public safety at risk?; Number of beds at Ingham jail not related to crime rates**

"Officials sounded the public safety alarm earlier this month when an Ingham County budget proposal called for closing a 57-bed post at the Ingham County Jail.... Judges say jail remains an important

deterrent, and having space to send someone who violates probation or refuses to change their ways is crucial."

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### **Macomb County Legal News: Semester starts with Professionalism in Action**

"Cooley Law School recently kicked off its fall semester with its annual Professionalism in Action programs held at all five campuses.... In Auburn Hills, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Cynthia Stephens gave the keynote address and talked with students about practical professionalism issues.... In Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County District Court Judge Cedric Simpson served as the keynote speaker."

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### **Michigan Lawyers Weekly: Kathleen Bogas, Hon. Karen Fort Hood , Frederick Lauck , L. Roland Roegge and Thomas Thornburg: Honors**

"... Hon. Karen Fort Hood of the Michigan Court of Appeals ... received the State Bar of Michigan's 2012 'Champion of Justice Award' [on September 19.]"

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### **MLive.com: New Michigan law: 4-time violent felons will get minimum 25 years in prison**

"- Violent criminals will be imprisoned for at least 25 years if they have been convicted of a fourth felony under a bill signed Monday by Gov. Rick Snyder. The law, which takes effect immediately, requires a minimum 25-year sentence for an offender charged with a fourth felony - under certain conditions."

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### **The Morning Sun: Domestic violence awareness and the judicial system highlighted Women's Aid Fundraiser**

"A chocolate lover's heaven welcomed the friends and supporters of Women's Aid Service Friday evening at the agency's annual fund raiser. After a course of hors d'oeuvres, followed by a variety of tempting chocolate desserts, Isabella County Prosecutor Risa Scully provided an overview on how her office prosecutes domestic violence cases."

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### **Oakland County Legal News: Constitution Day celebrated at courthouse**

"On Friday, Sept. 14, the Oakland County Circuit and Probate Courts hosted a Constitution Day program to commemorate the historical day the U.S. Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787. Nearly 250 students from eight different Wayne and Oakland County schools attended the event which began in the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium."

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### **Press & Guide/Dearborn: DEARBORN: Candidate forum to be held Tuesday**

"The League of Women Voters Dearborn-Dearborn Heights is hosting a Dearborn Candidate Forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday.... The league has invited the candidates for the 19th District Court judge seat, but is awaiting confirmation that both will attend. If both are there, their forum should begin at 8 p.m."

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